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Minutes 10/08/2009

Arlington Recycling Committee Minutes 10/8/09

Attendees: Gordon Jamieson (Co-Chair), Juli Brazile (Co-Chair), Ruth Yannetti (APW), Nigel Kraus, Adrian Wheelock, Anneli Mynttinen, Pete Howard (Secretary)

Town Day: Juli reported that the booth was busy and all went well. More volunteers could have been useful in the afternoon. Ruth reported that about 1000 of the new in-house recycling bag were distributed. Some vendors set their cardboard aside as requested so that it could be recycled during the event. ARC members tended the can/bottle recycling collection stations during the event. All items were recycled using one of WM's new single stream recycling trucks. Next year cardboard recycling instructions should be part of the booth instruction package.

Solid Waste Update: Ruth provided revised tonnage records. The 9/09 through 8/09 total is 15,109. The trend to decreasing tonnage continues and is well below the budgeted amount.

Single Stream & Cardboard Disposal Options: Ruth provided copies of the flyer that will be mailed to all 22,000 households. Instructions for cardboard are clear & explicit. This flyer will also be sent to all businesses that contract w/ the Town for trash pickup. Businesses that do not contract w/ Town do not use Town recycling service. Ruth stated that some Towns require by bylaw such businesses to contract for recycling along w/ trash pickup. The committee discussed submitting a warrant article to establish a similar bylaw here.

Field Trip: Ruth suggested a field trip to the single stream recycling facility. Members are interested in attending. Nigel thinks this would be of interest to both teachers and students at AHS. A short video is available from the community cable station and should be airing shortly on the local cable channel. Juli to alert our mailing list.

Community Collectin Bin Promotion:

GOT BOOKS: Gordon again proposed a bin at the library for surplus books and surplus book donations. Perhaps a library parking spot could be used if the bin were locked to avoid patrons using it for wanted books by mistake. The income realized would go to the Friends of the Library. Gordon to follow up.

OTTOSON ABITIBI BIN: This bin is under used. A location near the Greek Church might be more visible. Julie McDaniel was going to investigate last year. Something to take up again at our next meeting.

MBTA BIN: This bin might be better utilized in the east. Gordon has suggested the Lahey Arlington property to locate the bin, with proceeds to the Arlington Food Pantry. Juli to initiate the conversation with the Food Pantry so they can be part of the pitch to Lahey.

School Recycling:

ARS: Nigel reported that the year was off to a good start. The school is gradually adjusting to single stream.

AHS SAVE Club is preparing for trash audit with assistance in that regard from Katrina. Nigel hopes to involve English classes (newspaper articles) & science classes (sampling technique) as well as recycling enthusiasts.

LABB INITIATIVE: Regular pickups now at Town Hall, Library, AHS, Watertown Bank. More locations desired. APW can provide bins. Juli recommends the LABBB coordinator to talk w/ Superintendent Bodie first about involving several elementary schools.

Arlington Recycles Week:

Gordon & Juli to request proclamation from BoS at next BoS Mtg.

Community Collection Day - Sat 11/14

Volunteers needed

9-11 Gordon, Anneli

11-1 Gordon, Pete, Adrian/Katrina

Juli to recruit/organize additional volunteers by email

Ruth provided samples of flyer for use in promoting this year's event. Flyer addresses last year's backup at the shredding truck

AHS SAVE will handle redeemables - organized by Nigel

APW to provide handouts in regard to the following promotional efforts:

Single stream flyer, Recycling stickers, In house recycling bags and the location of community collection bins for cardboard, clothes, books, newspaper

DeAnne and Stratton PTO work the books/clothes and distribute materials btwn Little Fox, Local used book store and Stratton PTO Got Books bin

Ruth to advertize in Advocate (DPW News), ACMI (ppt), Town E-Alert

Gordon to advertize/post information about the event on Arlington List

Other:

Minutes posted on Website - Group thanked Pete for his work

A review of Town's PAYT plan proposal will occur on 10/21 by invitation.

Next Meetings - Nov 12th and Dec 10th, 7:30 pm, Town Hall Annex 2nd Fl Conference Room (2nd Thursdays)